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# Falcon flies the Liberal coop

Kevin Falcon announces his retirement from politics in Vancouver Wednesday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

**Mass exodus.** Finance minister becomes the highest-profile Liberal MLA to announce he won't seek re-election

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The list of Liberal MLAs leaving the party ahead of the next provincial election is getting so big, it could be its own club. After Wednesday, Kevin Falcon could be its president.

Falcon, the highest-profile Liberal to quit politics, announced he was resigning as finance minister immediately and will not be seeking re-election in 2013.

The one-time leadership hopeful and longtime Liberal cabinet minister cited family reasons (he's expecting a second child in February) and a desire to carve out a career in the private sector. He denied his decision was based on public-opinion polls and the Liberals' precarious position heading into the election.

"When people have been in public life 10, 12, 15, 16 years, you can't say that just because they're leaving they're jumping ship," Falcon said. "These things happen and it doesn't mean they're abandoning ship or whatever; it means they're making decisions for their futures. I remain very loyal to the former premier (Gordon Campbell) and I remain loyal to the current premier (Christy Clark)."

Clark, his former rival for Liberal leadership, thanked Falcon for his contribution and applauded him for putting his family first. "Kevin has made a decision that is right for his family," the premier said.

Clark's reaction to the news also shed light on the Liberal's potential strategy heading into the 2013 election: renewal.

Clark used the new buzzword repeatedly while previewing an imminent cabinet shuffle and outlining her plans going forward.

She said the Liberals would announce a slate of "exciting new candidates" with a fresh eyes in the near future.

Before then, another failed challenger to the Liberal throne could also be on his way out.

Education Minister George Abbott said Tuesday he is considering his future. "George has speculated about whether or not he will run again," admitted Clark. "So stay tuned."

**Going, going, gone**

- **Liberal MLAs not seeking re-election:**
  Kevin Falcon
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  Harry Bloy
  Bill Barisoff
  Kevin Kreuger
  Kash Heed
  Dave Hayer
- **Liberal MLAs who have already left politics:**
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Kamloops scandal

## *Email sparked probe into jail sex*

It was an email from a female officer that prompted the investigation of a jailhouse sex scandal at a British Columbia RCMP detachment.

The email was questioned by her supervisor — one of the officers now charged with breach of trust in the case.

A report released Wednesday by the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP details the August 2010 incident in the cells of the detachment in Kamloops.

It noted that the female officer overheard a co-worker talking about the explicit sexual activity that had taken place between two female suspects.

The officer was off for four days. When she returned to work, it was still a talking point and she sent an email to her supervisor suggesting it needed investigation.

The supervisor, Cpl. Kenneth Brown, went to a senior officer as a friend to talk about the incident, which led to a probe.

The report by Ian McPhail, the interim chairman of the commission, noted that both women in the cell "were obviously intoxicated."

It is clear from the security tape that four officers and three civilian guards were in the guard room, the report noted. They called their colleagues to watch.

That investigation led to breach-of-trust charges against Brown, Const. Evan Elgee, Const. Stephen Zaharia and civilian guard David Tompkins.

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## Reunited ... and it feels so good

A mother cat and her six newborn kittens, found in a cooler on a sidewalk in Surrey Monday, have been reunited. B.C .SPCA spokesperson Lorie Chortyk said the mother cat was found Tuesday night in a lot near where the cooler was left. Now, since their reunion, the kittens are less agitated and are happy to be curled up nursing with mom. They will be ready for adoption in about eight weeks. COURTESY OF B.C. SPCA

# Minister warns of strip-bar recruiters

**Job fairs.** Yamamoto says colleges and universities are on the adult industry's radar in the quest for new hires

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B.C.'s advanced education minister took the unusual step Wednesday of warning colleges and universities to watch out for adult-entertainment recruiters on the prowl for new hires.

Naomi Yamamoto said she fears recruiters may recruit strippers at post-secondary job fairs across Canada this fall in exchange for tuition.

The minister's warning is based on news out of Windsor, Ont., about the trend.

Kim Kiloh, director of the Centre for Student Involvement and Careers at UBC, said they received the minister's letter Tuesday and they are taking the concerns "very seriously."

"We have actually never received a request from the adult-entertainment industry to participate in one of our career fairs," Kiloh said on Wednesday.

"Historically, we have received, over the past five years, two or three requests to post a job on our job board, but those didn't ever come to fruition, as a result of not meeting our overall screening practices."

The government also notes that this past spring the adult industry suggested it would recruit near Vancouver public schools.

In a Metro Calgary interview last month, Tim Lambrinos — executive director of the Adult Entertainment Association of Canada — revealed the group's plan to be featured at job fairs in high schools, colleges and universities across the country.

He said this comes because a new federal bill disallows temporary working visas for foreign female strippers.

Quoted

**"They (federal representatives) are trying to destroy the industry and what it seems is young women between 18 and 19 have been untouched."**

**Tim Lambrinos,**
Adult Entertainment Association of Canada.



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## Vancouver model sets sights on The Bachelor

North Vancouver resident and Playboy model Melissa Marie is one of 25 bachelorettes vying for the heart of CFL free agent Brad Smith in The Bachelor Canada. The 28-year-old single mom was one of the first five contestants revealed on Wednesday. Others include a pastor from Sylvan Lake, Alta., and a real-estate agent from Toronto. The reality TV show premieres on Oct. 3 on Citytv. CONTRIBUTED/CITYTV

# Churches turn to shareholder activism to oppose pipeline

**Northern Gateway.** Church investment committees divesting Enbridge stock

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At least two Vancouver churches have moved or are considering moving their money out of all investment portfolios that include Enbridge stocks in opposition to the oil company's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline.

In July, the Unitarian Church of Vancouver divested $60,000 in Meritas Jantzi social index funds and, by December, could reinvest another $40,000 it holds in other ethical index funds, said John Taylor, chair of the church's investment committee.

The parish, which has about 400 members, passed a resolution in June to rid itself of all Enbridge holdings.

"One of the reasons we sold the funds in Meritas is simply because it was an indication to everyone that we were taking this resolution of the church quite seriously, and (to investment managers), 'Get out of Enbridge, or we'll do the same to you,'" Taylor said.

"We're waiting until mid-December to see if the ethical funds are divesting, or have convinced Enbridge not to build the Northern Gateway."

At the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, which has about 10,000 members throughout the Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast, similar discussions are taking place. The diocese passed a motion in May to look at excluding all Enbridge and Kinder Morgan stocks from its investment portfolio.

The positions of both churches were buoyed by Vancity's announcement last week that it has divested all Enbridge holdings in its IA Clarington Inhance SRI funds, worth nearly $2.5 million.

The United Church of Canada, headed by Vancouver's Rev. Gary Paterson, also categorically opposes the pipeline, but pension-fund insiders said Wednesday they didn't know whether its stance will affect the church's investment policy.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, however, said it is not interested in shareholder activism.

"The Catholic Church does not take positions on political issues that people of goodwill can have a valid difference of opinion on," church spokesman Paul Schratz said in an email. "These are matters of prudential judgment and people can apply principles of Catholic social teaching on the economy, the environment, etc. to advance the common good in the way they sincerely see best."

In response to Vancity's divestment announcement last week, Enbridge said it respects investors' decisions and plans to enhance its pipeline inspection, leak detection, valves and cleanup technology over the next two years.

**Shareholder outrage**

- Vancouver-based credit union Vancity, Canada's largest, said it divested its Enbridge holdings because the company no longer meets Vancity's environmental, social and governance criteria, in the wake of a scathing U.S. report on its handling of a 2010 oil spill in the Kalamazoo River in Michigan.

# Government workers poised to strike on Wednesday over stalled contract talks

It will be tough sledding for anyone trying to do business with the B.C. government next Wednesday as thousands of its unionized workers are set to walk off the job.

The unions representing 27,000 workers said its members will stage a one-day strike on Sept. 5, closing down almost 1,800 worksites in 153 communities across the province.

It means government liquor stores and offices that deliver everything from forestry permits and marriage licences will be on picket lines.

Transportation, such as highways and BC Ferries, will not be affected by the strike.

Most of the striking members are from the B.C. Government and Service Employee Union, while workers from the Professional Employees Association and Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union will also be taking part in the one-day job action.

COPE members of Local 378 who work for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia will join the strike because 27 of its ICBC worksites are connected to Service B.C. offices, which supply a variety of government services to the public.

The Professional Employees Association, which represents more than 1,200 licensed professionals in B.C.'s public service, including mines inspectors, forest-research scientists, bridge engineers, foresters and more, will also take part in the strike action on Wednesday.

**Rejected offer**

**2%**

The last government offer to the unions was a two per cent wage increase with an additional 1.5 per cent in the next year.

There has been little progress in negotiations between the province and union for a new collective agreement and union officials in Vancouver said Wednesday there haven't been contract talks for two months.

The union has been without a contract since last March.

BCGEU workers already held brief strikes over the summer, shutting down some Forest Ministry offices and liquor distribution branches.

BCGEU president Darryl Walker said his members haven't had a wage increase in more than three years and they are falling behind the rest of Canada.

"Non-union workers across Canada can expect wage increases of 3.2 per cent on average next year, according to an annual survey," he said. "We think that we are being reasonable if that's what non-union folks are going to expect," he said, referring to the recent survey.

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**Played dead**

## Student survives bear attack

A 20-year-old UBC student has a wild tale to tell her peers when she returns to school next week, after she's cleared for release from hospital on Wednesday.

Julie Stafford was dragged by a bear that clamped its jaws around her hand during an attack on Tuesday in the wilderness near Anchorage, Alaska. She says the confrontation ended only when she curled into the fetal position to show she was no threat to the bear's cubs.

Stafford was collecting rock samples for work with a colleague and managed to call a helicopter to pick them up after the incident.

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**Magnitude: 3**

## Quake shakes Victoria region

A small earthquake rattled nerves and a few dishes on Southern Vancouver Island but caused no damage.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 3, was centred 13 kilometres northeast of Sooke, near the southern tip of the island. It struck on Wednesday at about 3:20 p.m.

Dirk Meissner, a reporter at The Canadian Press, was startled by the quake while at work at the B.C. legislature. He said it sounded like barrels were being rolled over the roof, but nothing in the building moved.

Natural Resources Canada, which released the news of the quake, said there are no reports of damage.

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# Architects wooing city with showers for cyclists, not BMWs

**Bike centre.** Proposal for Granville Street building includes a cycling station in the lobby

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Cyclists commuting near Waterfront Station could someday get access to a service hub at which to shower, lock up their wheels and get repairs, for a modest membership fee.

The city's urban design panel reviewed an application Wednesday to tear down a seven-storey parkade at Granville and Cordova streets and build a 32-storey office building. The draft includes details on the proposed cycling station, which would be staffed and subsidized by the developer.

"Too often for many years it's been about the executives parking their BMWs down in the parkade, and we said, 'Unh unh,' explained Graham McGarva, founding architect of VIA Architecture, the designer behind the proposal.

"'Let's put this one forward as, we're across from the transit station, we're a real crossroads in the city, and this building is about young creatives, whether they're in our architecture firm or they're doing gaming design or media companies or whatever.'"

The station would have a café at ground level, secure storage for 100 bikes, and showers and changing facilities with card access down below.

The idea was inspired by the McDonald's Bike Center at Millennium Park in Chicago.

"It's like thinking of an office lobby as being a lounge," McGarva said.

Lisa Slakov, co-chair of the advocacy committee for HUB, a local cycling organization, is excited by the concept, but said she isn't getting her hopes up until the plan is approved.

"We've been wanting a bike centre for a long time and there have been a variety of proposals that have kind of come and gone over the years," she said.

"I think there's no doubt it would be well used."

VIA Architects has designed an office tower with a bicycle station that could be built at Granville and Cordova streets. If the city's urban design panel likes the plan, city councillors could start looking at it in about three months. VIA ARCHITECTURE

The 800 block of Robson Street has been a pedestrian paradise all summer, and now the city is looking to make it permanent. ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO FILE

# Just want to sit on those Pop Rocks forever? City sees longevity in pedestrian plaza

The City of Vancouver has gotten used to the pedestrian plaza on Robson Street.

So much so that it announced Wednesday that the 800 block of Robson, between Hornby and Howe, will remain closed to traffic for the remainder of the year as staff discuss a permanent closure with stakeholders.

"For the past two summers, and during the Olympics, this block of Robson has proven to be a hub of activity," said Mayor Gregor Robertson in a media statement. "It's been a popular destination for people to enjoy music, impromptu performances, creative types of outdoor seating and a place to relax and enjoy our downtown.

"We have an opportunity to create an important new public plaza in the centre of the downtown and have a timely opportunity to consider this option."

Staff need to consult with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association and TransLink before reporting back to council in the fall.

The block is currently home to the Pop Rocks seating installation and a key part of the VIVA Vancouver summer streets program.

Robson Square, the space around the street, has also seen a significant, more open and pedestrian-friendly facelift since the 2010 Winter Olympics. ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

Foul play not suspected

## 'Big Bear' the nickname of man whose remains were found in Langley

Human remains found by tree pruners last fall have been identified.

Langley RCMP say they're still not sure how Barry Maslanka-Ewing died, but don't believe foul play was involved.

The man's remains were found in November on Department of Defence land by BC Hydro contractors.

Examination has revealed the remains were there for several years, and it's believed the man — who went by the nickname of "Big Bear" — may have been homeless after leaving residence with family friends during the last part of his life.

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Compassion award

## Controversial doctor honoured by the people

A Prince George oncologist who left his post due to a provincial investigation has earned an award for his work.

Dr. Suresh Katakkar has been named compassionate doctor by a U.S. patients' group based on online voting conducted among millions of people.

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Road safety

## Victoria police crack down on impaired driving

Victoria police say they've nabbed more than 100 impaired drivers in Victoria and Esquimalt this summer.

Police say 115 drivers have been charged since the May long weekend, when Deputy Chief Del Manak pleaded for road safety via an online video.

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High-profile bust

## Hells Angel turns himself in

A Kelowna-based Hells Angel member wanted on a Canada-wide warrant in connection with high-profile cocaine busts over the weekend has turned himself in to police.

Forty-five-year-old Brian Oldham, described as the sergeant-at-arms at the Kelowna clubhouse, gave himself over to police Tuesday in Burnaby.

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No suspects yet

## Arson suspected after school fire

Mission RCMP are asking for the public's help as they investigate a suspicious fire at an elementary school.

The fire department arrived to see flames coming from the roof at Richards Elementary School yesterday. Remnants of a burnt air filter, along with an aerosol can, were discovered nearby.

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# Raves ring out for Paul Ryan

**Rousing speech.** Mitt Romney's running mate tells Republican convention: Stop the run-around, America needs a turnaround

Republican vice-presidential contender Paul Ryan says young Americans in particular deserve better than Obama. In a rousing speech to the Republican convention in Tampa, Fla., he told his listeners: "You have not failed, your leaders have failed you." JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Ryan electrified the Republican National Convention on Wednesday with a passionate, occasionally snide and often funny speech that took unrelenting aim at U.S. President Barack Obama.

Ryan took to the stage to accept the party's nomination as Mitt Romney's running mate and to introduce himself not just to delegates, but to Americans, many of whom had barely heard of him until Romney tapped the Republican party's fiscal-restraint guru earlier this month.

"After four years of getting the run-around, America needs a turnaround, and the man for the job is Gov. Mitt Romney," Ryan said before introducing his wife, Janna, and his three children to the cheering crowd at the Tampa convention centre.

Ryan, whose proposals to reduce the country's massive federal deficit have been met warily by the Americans who are familiar with him, took particular aim in his speech at so-called Obamacare, the president's signature piece of legislation that has brought health insurance to millions of previously uninsured Americans.

"The president has declared that the debate over government-controlled health care is over. That will come as news to the millions of Americans who will elect Mitt Romney so we can repeal Obamacare," Ryan said.

His speech was rife with Obama ridicule. He assailed Obama as a wild over-spender, although Ryan himself voted in favour of both the multi-billion-dollar auto-industry and bank bailouts. He mocked Obama's recent suggestion that his mistakes in office have involved a failure to communicate.

"He said his job is to 'tell a story to the American people' as if that's the whole problem here? He needs to talk more, and we need to be better listeners?" Ryan said incredulously as the crowd leapt to its feet.

"Ladies and gentlemen, these past four years we have suffered no shortage of words in the White House. What's missing is leadership in the White House."

Young Americans in particular, he added, deserve better than Obama as they struggle to find work amid a slow-as-molasses U.S. economic recovery.

"College graduates should not have to live out their 20s in their childhood bedrooms, staring up at fading Obama posters and wondering when they can move out and get going with life," he said.

"I hope you understand this too, if you're feeling left out or passed by: You have not failed, your leaders have failed you."

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**Oops!**

## *Open mike shuts down Yahoo chief*

Yahoo News has fired its Washington bureau chief after he was caught on a microphone saying Mitt Romney and his wife were "happy to have a party with black people drowning."

It was an apparent reference to the Republican convention happening as hurricane Isaac hit the Louisiana coast.

Company spokesperson Anne Espiritu said David Chalian's remark was inappropriate and does not represent Yahoo's views.

She said Yahoo is apologizing to Romney.

Chalian said Wednesday he was "profoundly sorry for making an inappropriate and thoughtless joke."

"I was commenting on the challenge of staging a convention during a hurricane," he said.

"I have apologized to the Romney campaign, and I want to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to governor and Mrs. Romney."

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# Haircut attack left Amish cleric ashamed: Son

Amish men leave the Cleveland court. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A hair-cutting attack on an Amish bishop left him so ashamed that he stopped preaching and refused to attend a family wedding, his son testified Wednesday.

The 77-year-old father didn't want anyone to see him without his beard, the son told a court.

Andy Hershberger was testifying at the Cleveland trial of 16 Amish men and women accused of hate crimes on church leaders.

In the minutes after the surprise encounter last fall, Hershberger said he looked toward his father, Raymond Hershberger. Grey clumps of hair from the beard his father had grown since marriage covered the floor.

"He was shaking all over," Hershberger said.

"He was crying and crying."

Federal prosecutors say that a dispute between the leader of a breakaway Amish group and other bishops who sought to overrule his authoritarian methods led to the hair- and beard-cutting attacks that struck fear into Ohio's normally peaceful Amish community.

Those accused of planning and taking part in the attacks targeted the hair and beards of Amish bishops because of the spiritual significance of them in the faith, prosecutors said.

Most Amish men do not shave their beards after marriage, believing it signifies their devotion to God.

All of the defendants could face lengthy prison terms if convicted on charges that include conspiracy and obstructing justice.

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**The Amish case**

**Lawyers for the defendants say that members of the breakaway group took action out of compassion and concern that some Amish were straying from their beliefs.**

- **Stay away.** Defence lawyers also said the Amish are guided by their religion and the government shouldn't get involved.

**Boy dismembered**

## 40 years to life for child killer

Levi Aron, a New York City store clerk, was sentenced Wednesday to 40 years to life in prison for kidnapping, killing and dismembering a boy.

Aron, 37, admitted he killed eight-year-old Leiby Kletzky, who was lost in an Orthodox Jewish neighbourhood.

"He's sorry and he wished he hadn't done it," attorney Pierre Bazile said.

Aron wore a black yarmulke, bushy beard and orange prison jumpsuit, and kept his head down and eyes closed.

His attorneys said Aron suffered a head injury as a child that went untreated.

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**She died in jail**

## Teenage girl's inquest on again

The inquest into the death of a teenage girl in an Ontario prison is set to start anew in Toronto on Sept. 20 after facing numerous delays.

Ashley Smith, 19, from Moncton, N.B., choked herself to death with a strip of cloth at the Grand Valley Institution for Women in Kitchener while guards looked on.

The troubled teen was transferred between facilities 17 times during the last 11 months of her life, spending much of her time in segregation units. Smith was first sent to prison at 13 for throwing crab apples at a postal worker.

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**Jail romance**

## Inmate mom gets a 'new start'

An Ontario woman who started a family with another inmate while serving a life sentence for killing an eight-year-old boy will get a second chance at building a life outside prison.

Amina Chaudhary, 51, gasped and shook with relief Wednesday when the Parole Board of Canada handed down their decision to release her to a halfway house in Hamilton.

Chaudhary's latest attempt at reintegration will mean life apart from her husband, a convicted murderer also on day parole, and their three children.

She said she wants to "start fresh."

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Sea birds surround the American Legion fishing pier in Bay St. Louis, Miss., as Isaac's winds and storm surge flood some low-lying neighbourhoods, Wednesday. ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Members of the Army National Guard patrol Bourbon Street as Hurricane Isaac makes land - fall, Wednesday. ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students from the University of Alabama measure wind speeds Wednesday in New Orleans. Isaac was packing 130 km/h winds, making it a Category 1 hurricane. ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Exactly 7 years after Katrina, Louisiana lashed again by Isaac

**Floodwaters.** Rescue workers flock to New Orleans and rural communities to help stranded residents

Tropical storm Isaac continued to lash New Orleans with heavy rains Wednesday even as it was downgraded to a tropical storm, as a newly-fortified levee system appeared to be holding exactly seven years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. In a drenched part of rural Louisiana, rescuers on boats snatched dozens of people stranded by floodwaters.

In New Orleans, power lines were downed and debris littered the streets, prompting officials to impose a dusk-to-dawn curfew. Louisiana officials said they may have to intentionally breach a levee in a flooded area as Isaac made a slow, drenching slog inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

In a hard-hit rural area southeast of New Orleans, officials rescued dozens of people by boat, while authorities feared more in Plaquemines Parish could need help after a night of slashing rain and fierce winds that knocked out power to more than 700,000 households.

The hurricane also cancelled commemoration ceremonies Wednesday for Katrina's 1,800 dead in Louisiana and Mississippi. Isaac was testing a New Orleans levee system bolstered by $14 billion in federal repairs and improvements after the catastrophic failures during Katrina.

Army Corps spokeswoman Rachel Rodi said the city's bigger, stronger levees were withstanding the assault.

"The system is performing as intended, as we expected," she said. "We don't see any issues with the hurricane system at this point."

Rescuers in boats and trucks plucked a handful of people who became stranded by floodwaters in thinly populated areas of southeast Louisiana.

Although Isaac was much weaker than Katrina, the threat of dangerous storm surges and flooding from heavy rain was expected to last all day and into the night as the immense comma-shaped storm crawled across Louisiana.

Water driven by the large and powerful storm flooded over a 30-kilometre stretch of one levee in Plaquemines Parish. The levee, one of many across the low-lying coastal zone, is not part of the new defences constructed in New Orleans after Katrina.

The storm not only coincided with the Katrina anniversary, but also the first major speeches of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Unexpected**

**"I think a lot of people were caught with their pants down. This storm was never predicted right since it entered the Gulf. It was supposed to go to Florida, Panama City, Biloxi, New Orleans."**

Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Jerry Larpenter

People and a dog who were rescued from their flooded homes are loaded into a Louisiana National Guard truck in Braithwaite, La., in Plaquemines Parish. GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Flooding**

## Thousands told to leave low-lying areas

Tens of thousands of people had been told ahead of Isaac to leave low-lying areas of Mississippi and Louisiana, including 700 patients of Louisiana nursing homes. Mississippi shut down the state's 12 shorefront casinos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Political implications**

## Storm creates opportunities for American parties

Isaac also posed political challenges with echoes of those that followed Katrina, a reminder of how the storm became a symbol of government ineptitude.

U.S. President Barack Obama sought to demonstrate his ability to guide the nation through a natural disaster and Republicans tried to reassure residents as they formally nominated former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney as their presidential candidate.

Louisiana's Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal, who cancelled his trip to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, said the Obama administration's disaster declaration fell short of the federal help he had requested. Jindal said he wanted a promise from the federal government to be reimbursed for storm preparation costs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Action. Flood levee will be breached in rural town

A state official says the levee in southeast Louisiana's Isaac-flooded Plaquemines Parish will be breached to relieve pressure on it.

State Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority head Garret Graves said the levee wouldn't be breached Wednesday because of weather conditions but it will happen as soon as they can get equipment to the site.

In hard-hit Plaquemines Parish, officials rescued dozens of people by boat after they became stranded by floodwaters. Flooding has plagued the area after Isaac sloshed ashore Tuesday evening as a Category 1 hurricane. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Weathered city. Katrina memorial disrupted, but not New Orleans' faith

The hurricane promised to lend even more solemnity to commemoration ceremonies Wednesday for Katrina's 1,800 dead in Louisiana and Mississippi, including the tolling of the bells at St. Louis Cathedral overlooking New Orleans' Jackson Square.

In a city that has already weathered Hurricane Gustav in 2008, many people had faith that new repairs and improvements would hold up.

"I feel safe," said Pamela Young, who was riding out the storm in the Lower 9th Ward with her dog, Princess, in a new, two-story home built to replace one destroyed by Katrina.

"If the wind isn't too rough, I can stay right here," she said, tapping on her wooden living room coffee table. "If the water comes up, I can go upstairs."

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu issued a curfew as Isaac lashed the city on the seven-year anniversary of Katrina's destructive arrival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Woman in coma after acid attack

**Aggravated assault.** Quebecer, aged 29, had corrosive material splashed on her face by her boyfriend

A Quebec woman is in an induced coma and has her face covered in bandages after having corrosive acid thrown in her face.

More than 4,000 messages of support on Facebook have rolled in for Tanya St-Arnauld.

The 29-year-old St-Arnauld will stay in hospital having also sustained burns to her body. Police in Longueuil, south of Montreal, arrested Nikolas Stefanatos shortly after the Sunday morning attack. Police say Stefanatos is St-Arnauld's boyfriend.

He appeared in court Monday and was charged with aggravated assault.

A police spokesman says investigators have not yet been able to question St-Arnauld because of her condition.

Stefanatos is to appear in court for a bail hearing on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tanya St-Arnauld is shown in an undated photo posted on a tribute page set up on her Facebook page. More than 4,000 messages of support have rolled in for St-Arnauld, who had corrosive acid thrown in her face last week.

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## Nabbed monkey returned

Sounding more Hollywood caper than Animal Planet, the saga of Hercules the kidnapped squirrel monkey included a risky heist, an anonymous phone call and a secret exchange on a New Brunswick country road on Wednesday. The pint-sized primate was nabbed from his cage sometime after the Magnetic Hill Zoo in Moncton closed Tuesday. Hours after staff discovered Hercules was missing, zoo manager Bruce Dougan met with a man on a rural road to reclaim the monkey. Hercules was returned in a cardboard box.

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# Trash the dress. Death has some questioning photo-shoot bridal fad

A photo shoot in a Quebec river that went horribly wrong when a bride was dragged into the water and drowned is shining a light on the growing "trash-the-dress" phenomenon.

Maria Pantazopoulos, a 30-year-old real-estate agent, was posing in her wedding dress Friday for a photo shoot along the Ouareau River in Rawdon, Que., about 60 kilometres north of Montreal, when her gown became waterlogged and dragged her into the water. Her body was found by a scuba diver two hours later.

Photographer Louis Pagakis said he did everything he could to save Pantazopoulos when she went under.

"She had her wedding dress on and she said, 'Take some pictures of me while I swim a little bit in the lake.' She went in and her dress got heavy, I tried everything I could to save her," Pagakis told CTV Montreal. "I jumped in, I was screaming and yelling. We tried our best."

The tragedy has highlighted some of the more unorthodox — and even unsafe — situations in which brides and grooms will put themselves as part of this increasingly popular form of photography. The trash-the-dress meme aims to capture images of brides and grooms, dressed in their wedding attire, in fantastical situations or exotic locales.

A ritual begun several years ago as novelty photography akin to that found only in the pages of fashion magazines, "trash the dress" has grown in popularity thanks in part to the unconventional wedding work of Las Vegas photographer John Michael Cooper, whose famous image of a bride nearly enveloped in her burning gown pushed expectations.

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**Not really trash**

**According to Matt Boyce, owner of Xero Digital Photography in Toronto, the term "trash the dress" is a bit of a misnomer. While gowns do get wet and dirty during shoots, most of the brides he has photographed intend to keep their dresses — but not before having a bit of fun.**


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## Ukraine. Supporters cry 'Shame!' as judge denies former PM's appeal

Ukraine's highest court on Wednesday upheld the conviction of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko for abuse of office, a case that has strained the former Soviet state's ties with the West.

Judge Oleksandr Elfimov said the court had "found no grounds to uphold (Tymoshenko's) appeal," and that the seven year prison term is "adequate to the gravity of the crime." Several members of the audience yelled "Shame!" upon hearing the verdict.

Several Western nations have criticized the case against Tymoshenko.

"Obviously, we are disappointed by the decision," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Wednesday. "We continue to urge the government of Ukraine to free Mrs. Tymoshenko and other members of the government and to restore their full political and civil rights."

Lawyers for Tymoshenko are appealing the conviction in the European Court for Human Rights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**French investigation**

### Israel denies poisoning Arafat

A former Israeli official on Wednesday denied suspicions that Israel poisoned Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as France prepared to begin an investigation into his possible murder following a Swiss lab's claim that it found traces of a deadly substance on his belongings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**More engagement**

### U.S. softens stance on Myanmar

The Obama administration took another step Wednesday in unravelling tough U.S. sanctions against Myanmar by waiving a visa ban to promote engagement with its reformist government.

A spokesperson said it is not a blanket lifting of the ban. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Brown bear Masa finally leaves bar after 18 years

**Lithuania.** 20-year-old taken to a park in Germany where her ex-owner says she will visit her

After 18 years of hanging out in a Lithuanian bar, Masa the bear has had enough and is retiring. The 20-year-old brown bear was released from her 15-square-metre cage on Wednesday and handed to animal- rights activists, who plan to take her on a 20-hour drive to a bear park in Duren, Germany.

Antanina Vrubliauskiene, who bought Masa as a cub in 1994, watched teary-eyed as the bear was tranquilized and loaded into a van. She plans to visit Masa in her new home 1,700 kilometres away.

Masa spent her bar years locked in a cage next to the door where customers fed her, but some complained that she was kept in cruel conditions, prompting her retirement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brown bear Masa lies in a van to be driven to a bear park in Duren, Germany, Wednesday, after spending the past 18 years caged in a Lithuanian bar. RICARDAS VITKUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Anti-Semitism not behind assault: Cops

A Michigan State University student's Jewish religion was not a factor in an assault at an off-campus party, police said Wednesday, a day after the 19-year-old man claimed he was popped in the jaw as a victim of "religious hatred."

Zach Tennen is recovering from jaw surgery.

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Sexual assault

## Priest's retrial put off until 2013

A U.S. priest will remain in legal limbo until 2013 after a judge set a March date for his retrial in a child sexual assault case.

Prosecutors are retrying the Rev. James Brennan after the jury deadlocked on attempted rape and child-endangerment charges. The jury acquitted Brennan of conspiring with church officials after a landmark trial that alleged a broad coverup of abuse.

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'Green-on-blue' crime

## More NATO troops killed by Afghans

Three more NATO soldiers have been killed in what is fast becoming an epidemic of Afghan soldiers — often insurgents in disguise — attacking their western mentors.

Wednesday's attack, which occurred in southern Afghanistan, brings to 45 the number of NATO troops who've died this year in so-called "green-on-blue" shootings.

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## SEAL gives different story of bin Laden killing

A first-hand account of the commando raid by U.S. navy SEALs that killed Osama bin Laden contradicts previous accounts by administration officials.

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# Jailed Muslim group defies guards in the name of God

Ken Falk, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, talks on Monday about his client, John Walker Lindh, 31, a Muslim convert who was charged with supporting terrorists. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**U.S.** Taliban fighter suing prison over policy preventing him from saying group prayers

American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh and other Muslims housed at a special federal prison unit in Indiana have used the guise of religion to show defiance toward their captors, a prison security official testified Wednesday.

Lindh, who is suing to overturn a policy preventing him and the other Muslims he is housed with from performing their five daily prayers as a group, once delivered an incendiary sermon in Arabic at the Terre Haute prison's Communication Management Unit despite a requirement that inmates speak English except for ritual prayers, security official Tim Coleman testified.

Lindh, who is serving a 20-year sentence for aiding the Taliban during the 2001 U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan, is suing to overturn a policy that prevents him and the other Muslim detainees from conducting their five daily prayers as a group. Lindh says group prayer is required under the school of Islam to which he adheres, and that the prison policy violates a 1993 law barring the government from curtailing religious speech without showing a compelling interest.

An official testified Monday — the first day of the trial — that the federal prison system barred unsupervised group prayer by inmates after a 2004 government report that raised concerns about the radicalization of Muslim inmates following 9/11 terrorist attacks. The official said there aren't enough Muslim chaplains to allow for supervised group prayer at the more than 100 federal prisons.

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**"He's not recognizing our authority and is trying to put religion over our authority."**

Tim Coleman, security official, on jailed Taliban member John Walker Lindh

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## Indian store Hitler might change name

Pedestrians walk past a store named Hitler in Ahmadabad, India, Wednesday. Jews are urging a name change. The store will make the change if compensated for rebranding costs. AJIT SOLANKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Mourning five Israeli tourists

**Bulgaria.** Relatives of Israelis killed by a suicide bomber in July visit the site of the murders

Relatives of those who died last month when a suicide bomber in Bulgaria targeted a bus of Israeli tourists mourn Wednesday during a commemoration ceremony at Burgas airport, Bulgaria. VALENTINA PETROVA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Relatives of five Israeli tourists killed in a bombing in Bulgaria visited the scene of the attack, laying down flowers and lighting candles Wednesday in memory of their loved ones.

The mourners walked through the bus parking lot of the Burgas airport to the spot where on July 18 a still-unidentified suicide bomber detonated his explosives, killing the Israelis and a Bulgarian bus driver.

"I lit a big candle and a small one, too," said Itzhak Shriki, an engineer whose pregnant wife, Kochava, was killed. "The big one is for my wife, while the small is in memory of the unborn child."

Shriki was few steps away from his wife when the bomb ripped through a bus packed with tourists. "It hurts a lot when I try to recall what happened." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Poor camp conditions**

### Jordan to expel some refugees

Jordan's prime minister says Syrian refugees responsible for violence in a camp near the border will be deported.

Fayez Tarawneh did not say on Wednesday how many refugees will be expelled. But a security official says there are 150 Syrian refugees in police custody.

About 200 refugees went on a rampage at Zaatari Camp late Tuesday in protest against conditions there. Police said 28 officers were wounded. The desert camp houses 21,000 people.

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## Mombasa, Kenya. More violence following the killing of a Muslim cleric

A grenade attack wounded four policemen in the latest outbreak of violence in Kenya's coastal city of Mombasa, ending what had seemed to be a lull in violence stemming from the killing on Monday of a radical Islamist preacher, police said Wednesday.

A hand grenade was hurled into a police van carrying several security officials who were patrolling the area of Mombasa Pentecostal Church, critically wounding three of them.

The grenade attack shattered the relative calm that had started to spread over the city on the third day after the killing of Muslim cleric Aboud Rogo Mohammed, who had been sanctioned by the U.S. and UN for his alleged support for al-Shabab, an al-Qiada-linked militant group in Somalia.

He was shot to death by unidentified gunmen Monday morning as he drove in his car with his family.

His wife was wounded in the leg.

In Mombasa youths rioted for two days, angered over the cleric's murder.

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# BMO study. Canadians more optimistic about job security this Labour Day

A new Labour Day survey suggests Canadians are more optimistic this year about their job security as well as hiring and growth prospects at their companies — and many expect a raise.

The Bank of Montreal poll finds nearly two-thirds, or 64 per cent, of respondents are comfortable with their job security. The survey suggests 41 per cent believe their company is growing and will be hiring.

Both measures are up 13 percentage points from the number of employees who expressed confidence last Labour Day. And 39 per cent expect a promotion or raise this year, up 11 percentage points from last year. The results come despite lingering economic uncertainty, a still high unemployment rate and a disappointing report showing the economy shed jobs in July.

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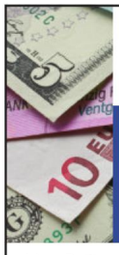
**Modest raises**

**"Canadians should expect wages to rise modestly faster than inflation ... with the strongest gains in Alberta and Saskatchewan."**

BMO senior economist Sal Guatieri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## Mirror, mirror?

Kim Kardashian, inset, has settled a lawsuit against Old Navy, claiming the clothing retailer violated her publicity rights by using a lookalike in an ad. The lawsuit was over the commercial titled Super C-U-T-E. It featured Canadian singer-model Melissa Molinaro, pictured above, who an attorney for Old Navy said at a January hearing was famous in her own right. Her appearance in the ad wasn't intended to draw similarities to Kardashian, the retailer maintained. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTOS

# Economist doubts 'dead money' claim

**BoC.** Carney made too much of $526B held in reserve by corporations, says TD Bank's Craig Alexander

When Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney called $526 billion in corporate cash "dead money," he was overstating the facts, a chief economist of a major Canadian bank says.

Businesses have been a major contributor to the economic recovery from the recession, TD Bank chief economist Craig Alexander wrote in a note to clients Wednesday.

Companies have created 80 per cent of the 721,700 new jobs since mid-2009, while business investment in machinery and equipment is just 2.3 per cent below its pre-recession peak.

"It is true that firms have increased their holdings of cash, but calling all of it dead money is overstated," Alexander wrote.

Having said that, Alexander also agreed that Canadian companies need to do more to boost the country's competitiveness.

"The simple truth is that, at the economy-wide level, businesses underinvested prior to the recession and they cannot let the prevailing risks paralyze them from investing in the coming quarters. They have to build for the future."

Other reports have said paying the excess out to investors in the form of higher dividends may not do much to boost the economy.

Most shareholders are reinvesting their dividends to boost their retirement nest eggs rather than using the money to buy things, Stéfane Marion, chief economist of the National Bank of Canada, wrote in a recent commentary for clients.

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Scotiabank

## ING Bank of Canada sold for $3.13B

Scotiabank says it has reached an agreement to buy ING Bank of Canada from Netherlands-based parent ING Group for $3.13 billion in cash. The deal is expected to result in a net investment by Scotiabank of $1.9 billion.

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Smartphones

## Samsung rallies with Galaxy Note

Fresh off a legal battle with Apple, Samsung is announcing a new version of the Galaxy Note, an offbeat, oversized smartphone that's become a surprise hit.

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Chinese automaker

## Asbestos found in cars forces recall

A Chinese automaker says it's recalling nearly 12,500 cars sold in Brazil after asbestos was found in engine and exhaust gaskets.

Chery International said that it investigated the asbestos problem after it was discovered in vehicles sold in Australia.

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Market Minute

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**TSX**
12,009.79 (-0.11)

**OIL**
$95.49 US (-84¢)

**GOLD**
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**Natural gas:** $2.634 US (+2¢)
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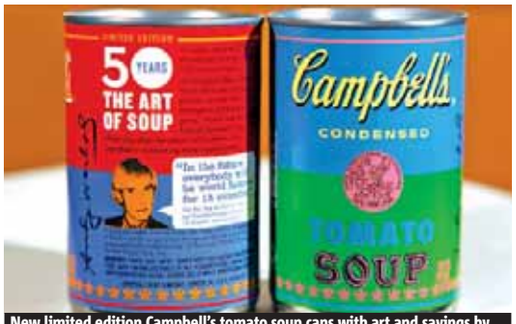


New limited edition Campbell's tomato soup cans with art and sayings by artist Andy Warhol are seen at the Campbell Soup Company in Camden, N.J.

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# In the future all soup cans will be famous

**Campbell's.** Company using Andy Warhol's iconic imagery on labels

Campbell Soup is tapping Andy Warhol for another 15 minutes of fame.

The world's biggest soup maker plans to introduce special-edition cans of its condensed tomato soup bearing labels reminiscent of the pop artist's paintings at Target stores starting Sunday. The 1.2-million cans will cost 75 cents each.

The Campbell Soup Co.'s embracing of Warhol's iconic imagery is a switch from its initial reaction, when the company considered taking legal action before deciding to see how the paintings were received by the public. By 1964, however, the company realized the paintings were becoming a phenomenon and embraced the depictions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boardroom art

**In 1993, the company bought a Warhol painting of one of its tomato soup cans to hang in its boardroom of its headquarters.**

- The company also has a licensing agreement with the Warhol estate to sell clothing, magnets and other gear, mostly overseas, bearing the artist's renditions.

## Books. Kobo poised to sell ebooks, e-readers in U.S.

Kobo has struck a partnership with the American Booksellers Association to sell its e-reader device and ebooks through independent U.S. bookstores.

Toronto-based Kobo says it expects to launch its partnership with nearly 2,000 ABA-member stores this fall, starting with 400 stores.

The deal will see ABA members offer Kobo e-readers, ebooks and accessories, and share in the revenue from each sale.

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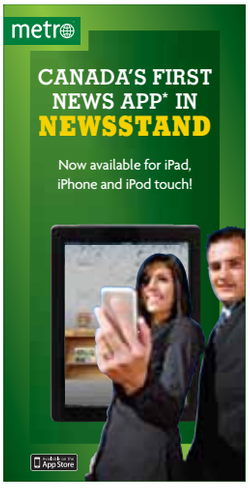

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL WITH BOOZE AND BREATHALYZERS

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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I find back-to-school easier than most.

Some people might say that's because I'm not going to school and I have no children, but "phooey on them," as the kids say.

I prefer to think my distance from the chaos provides me with perspective, the same way any given person yelling at the TV could do a better job with the Blue Jays than the paid personnel up close who can only focus on one torn ligament at a time.

For instance, a back-to-school detail I've noticed that's eluded some in the mall-strom is how most shopping lists this time of year focus solely on the student.

But what about the parents' needs?

There are already dozens of columns out there about what kids must have, so here's a look at what moms and dads should buy for a seamless return to 10 months of the ABCs (angst, bullying and confusion).

**Grade school:**

You need:

- A pre-recording of Carson Daly interviewing Dr. Sanjay Gupta, in case they won't go to bed. Tell them this is what all late-night TV is like.
- The Busdrivalyzer, for overprotective parents — allows you to make sure that the driver on the bus blows clean, clean, clean.
- A pre-written "You're going to have the time of your life!" speech for when you get the urge to tell your children that school is 12 years of emotional and physical violence and "Run, kid, run! Break the connected mitten strings and run!"

**Middle school:**

You need:

- A sideways ball cap and a compact disc with an explicit-lyrics sticker on it to let your kids know that you're with it. If you work out a little rap like, "It might seem cool/But a bully is a straight-up fool," your child will remember it forever.
- A kitchen switch that allows you to turn the shower to "icy cold" after 15 minutes or when the steam sets off the fire alarm, whichever comes first.
- A pre-written, vaguely worded "birds and bees" speech for when you get the urge to say, "Look kid, the idea of explaining sex to you is just as gross and disturbing to me as it is to you, so ask that Emily girl you like or something."

**High school:**

- If you would like your child to answer with more than "nothing" when you ask about school, then you'll need, at minimum, the rack. If you want more than "It was fine and they didn't give any homework," an iron maiden.
- An ejection seat that allows you to let your child out in front of their school while driving 100 km/h, thus avoiding embarrassment for the student.
- A pre-written "You can be whatever you set your mind to!" speech for when you get the urge to say, "You can do whatever you set your mind to provided it fits your socio-economic status, gender, race, last name, the public's perception of you, and then you get incredibly lucky!"

**All ages:**

- Booze. But you knew that.

It's back-to-school time, which means an expert — i.e., a Metro columnist — has the best advice. You might want to take notes. ISTOCK

# La Tomatina makes a gushy scene

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**Running red**

## Spanish city turns to tomato warfare

Revellers kiss each other during the annual Tomatina tomato fight in the village of Bunol, Spain, Wednesday.

At this time of year, the town hosts one of the largest food fights in the world, with 40,000 people gathering to throw more than 100 tonnes of tomatoes at each other. The tradition has stood since 1945 and is embraced by locals and tourists. METRO

**What did this stem from?**

## "We don't have much space, but there is no other way."

Coun. Rafael Perez, festival spokesman, acknowledges the chaotic nature of La Tomatina. However, the prestige and tourism the town gains from the events should secure its future.

**Make your own Tomatina**

- **Swimming costume and goggles.** You will be grateful for the goggles when you get hit in the face, and a snorkel makes breathing easier.
- **Get it started.** An organizer has the honour of hurling the first load of fruit at assembled friends.
- **Play fair.** Squash the tomato in your hand before throwing; it can cause serious damage otherwise.

**Hothouse**

## 120

The total weight in tonnes of the tomatoes used at La Tomatina festival. Despite the recession, and criticism of wasted food, the volume was not reduced this year.

**On the web**

Go to metronews.ca to watch scenes from the event.

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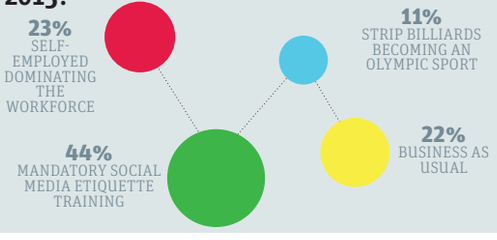
## What does the future hold for the class of 2013?




**Twitter**

**@charliedemers:** Yeats on BC politics: "The @kevinfalcon cannot hear the falconer/ Things fall apart/the right-of-centre cannot hold"

**@ItsRyanClayton:** I'm waiting for fall when Shirley Bond is declared Minister of Everything. #bcpoli

**@adriandix:** Best wishes to @Kevinfalcon and his family on his retirement from politics. Disagreed often with Kevin but respected him very much as well.

**@NWimby:** Big question: Who will @christyclarkbc name as the Minister of Turning the Light Off On The Way Out? #BCpoli

**@sincy12:** Back in vancouver for some quality family time :-)

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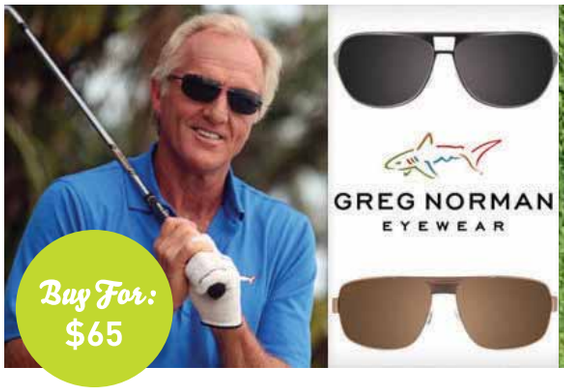

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SCENE 2

# Geriatrics of the trade at Performance Arts Lodge

**Grumpy old men.**
Veterans plot their escape from a military home for the aged in award-winning play

BACKSTAGE PASS
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You'd think there'd be a lot of drama in a home full of golden-aged actors.

Not enough, apparently, for three residents of Vancouver's Performing Arts Lodge, who have been searching for something with a bit more structure.

And some comedy, too.

John Innes, William Samples and Michael Dobbin found it all in Tom Stoppard's Olivier Award-winning play, Heroes.

The setting is 1959 France and the trio play cantankerous First World War veterans looking to escape the confines of a military retirement home.

"(They) had been looking for a project to work on together for ages," says the play's director, Terence Kelly.

"When we came across this particular script, we knew we had found it. It is smart, funny, poignant, and full of rich roles that can only be approached by actors who possess a lifetime of experience."

All the characters carry a heavy burden from the war: Gustave suffers from agoraphobia; Henri's got a bum leg; and Philippe is prone to blackouts caused by a piece of shrapnel lodged in his brain.

None of this stops them from hatching the grand escape plan.

The play is a translation of Gerald Sibleyras' Le Vent des Peupliers (The Wind in the Poplars).

It runs from Sept. 6th to 30th at the PAL Studio Theatre. Tickets are $25 and there's pay-what-you-can option on Tuesday nights.

Visit BrownPaperTickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006.

John Innes, William Samples and Michael Dobbin star in Heroes. SUBMITTED

**Quoted**

**"(The script) is smart, funny, poignant, and full of rich roles that can only be approached by actors who possess a lifetime of experience."**

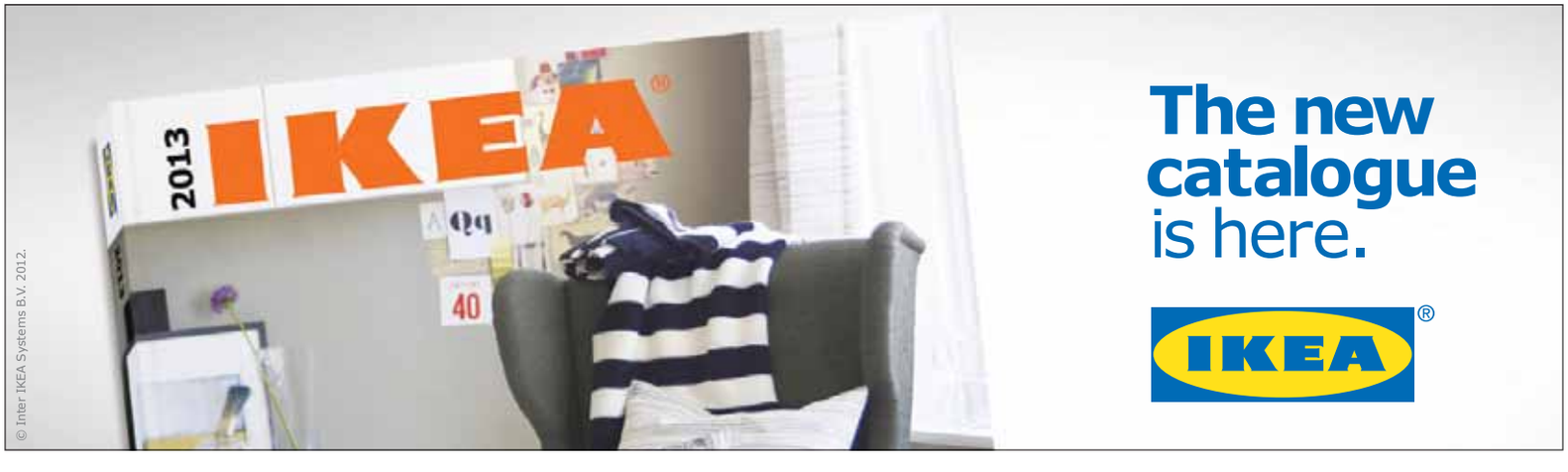
Terence Kelly, director of Heroes

**Also on**

Tap's on tap for the 13th annual Vancouver International Tap Dance Festival, which kicks off Friday and runs until Sunday. The festival includes 45 master classes and two shows: Friday, watch Souls of Our Feet – a Celebration of American Tap Dance, performed by Tapestry Dance Company from Austin, Texas; and on Saturday check out A Chronological Life Story of a Few Tap Dancers. Both shows will be performed at the Norman Rothstein Theatre (41st and Oak). Tickets available at VancouverTix.com. For more information, visit VanTapDance.com.

**On the web**

**Venice Film Festival cuts number of entries, adds movie market, courts acclaimed auteurs.**



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Sam Brown, Britt Daniel and Dan Boeckner of the indie-rock band Divine Fits. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Boeckner and Daniel make for a Divine Fit(s)

**New band.** Divine Fits came together gradually over the course of 2011, growing from the mutual respect between musicians

Over the course of one year, Dan Boeckner saw both of his acclaimed Canadian indie-rock outfits — Wolf Parade and Handsome Furs — break up.

For the first time in nearly a decade, the prolific Boeckner was a man without a band. Some people might have been tempted to take some downtime to mull their next career move. But not the 34-year-old Boeckner, who formed the trio Divine Fits with Spoon frontman Britt Daniel before the world even knew that Handsome Furs had split.

"I don't really take breaks," said the B.C.-raised rocker in a recent telephone interview from his new home in Los Angeles.

"I never consider that because I don't like to stop working. Any time I get tired or burnt out on the road ... I always think back to my telemarketing job in Montreal. I had this awful telemarketing job and ... I think back to that and I think back to working a night shift at a bar and being a short-order cook.

"Then I don't feel so tired. Well, at least I'm not in front of a dishwasher every night, covered in half-eaten hamburgers, smelling like bleach, waiting to get home to write songs."

Divine Fits came together gradually over the course of 2011, growing from the mutual respect between Boeckner and Daniel.

First they swapped songs back and forth on the Internet, and by the end of the year, Boeckner was living on the top floor of Daniel's Los Angeles home, thus allowing the newly minted band the opportunity to spend nearly all of their free time worrying over the tunes that now form their debut, A Thing Called Divine Fits.

Somehow, the album seems a perfectly balanced blend of its dual songwriters, blending the flab-free rock economy Daniel is known for with Boeckner's penchant for spontaneous, dangerous pop.

While Boeckner is glad the record reflects their musical signatures more or less equally, he says that wasn't the goal.

"We never talked about what the band was going to sound like — we didn't sit down and have an esthetics meeting," he said with a laugh.

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**Quote**

**"Any time I get tired or burnt out on the road ... I always think back to my telemarketing job in Montreal. I had this awful telemarketing job."**

**Dan Boeckner**
Talking about his work ethic.

## Duran Duran. Concerts cancelled following Nick Rhodes' illness

Duran Duran is cancelling several concerts because of the illness of keyboard player Nick Rhodes.

The band had already called off concerts over the past week in Pittsburgh, Kettering, Ohio, outside Chicago, and in Atlantic City, N.J.

The band had hoped to reschedule some of the shows, but decided to cancel the final half-dozen shows on its North American tour. That includes the four U.S. concerts and two shows in Orillia, Ont.

The band has said Rhodes is suffering from exhaustion or a possible viral infection.

According to the band's website Nick held out all week, hoping that he would be well enough to perform again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Out of this world music. New will.i.am track gets broadcast from Mars

Some might say Wednesday's Mars musical broadcast was one small step for will.i.am.

His new track Reach for the Stars had its galactic debut on Aug. 28 when it was transmitted from 300 million miles away via the Curiosity rover.

"Today is about inspiring young people to lead a life without limits placed on their potential and to pursue collaboration between humanity and technology through STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) education. I know my purpose is to inspire young people, because they will keep inspiring me back," the Black Eyed Peas and solo artist said in a release.

In addition to his music, will.i.am — born William James Adams, Jr. — has been known as a science education advocate. His i.am angel Foundation and Discovery Education focuses on teaching STEAM subjects in schools. The artist also announced a $10 million classroom education initiative during the NASA press conference about the song broadcast. The money will reach 25 million students annually in the U.S.

While it may be the first time that a recorded song has been broadcast to Earth from another planet, it isn't the first song broadcast in space. NASA sent out Across the Universe to the rest of the universe on the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' song. And, Saturn's radio emissions were turned into audible frequencies, which were then turned into a composition called Sun Rings by the Kronos Quartet. METRO

Will.i.am had his song broadcast to the heavens. GETTY IMAGES

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# Fashionista Kelly Osbourne offers style tips

**Can we talk?**. After teaming up with Joan Rivers on the show Fashion Police, daughter of '70s rocker Ozzie Osbourne hitting all the right notes

Kelly Osbourne was a reality star, actress and musician before anyone took notice that she had a knack for style.

But lately the 27-year-old daughter of Ozzy Osbourne, currently with violet hair after stints of pink, lilac and grey, has earned the title of certified fashionista.

She is a natural at dishing the designer dirt with Joan Rivers and co-hosts Giuliana Rancic and George Kotsiopoulos after major Hollywood red carpets on U.S.-based cable network's E! Entertainment Television's Fashion Police.

TV star Kelly Osbourne. SITTHIXAY DITTHAVON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

She also sat front row with Rivers at the Badgley Mischka show during the New York Fashion Week this past February.

"I'm in the process of branding, doing my own line. I will not just attach my name to something," Osbourne said. "I want to be a part of every aspect of it."

Now she's being tapped to kick off fashion-fueled events too, like this month's The Magnificent Mile Shopping Festival along Chicago's Michigan Avenue.

And for those who must know what Osbourne was wearing in Chicago to meet with reporters last week: A long, flowing short-sleeved black dress with a rainbow leaf print by Issa (a British label that Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, has helped popularize) and a ring with a large purple stone and a jeweled leaf by Chanel.

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**Kelly's three key fashion tips**

**Kelly Osbourne kicked-off this month's Magnificent Mile Shopping Festival in Chicago and also offered some helpful fashion advice**

- **Tip 1: Spray Tans.** They make you look slimmer and feel healthier....I hate that I don't have one now.
- **Tip 2: Flatten that figure.** Even if you're a skinny girl, shaping undergarments Spanx are a must.
- **Tip 3: Pamper your feet.** Always pack a pair of ballet flats in your handbag because by the end of the night your feet are killing you...Don't let footwear ruin your good time.


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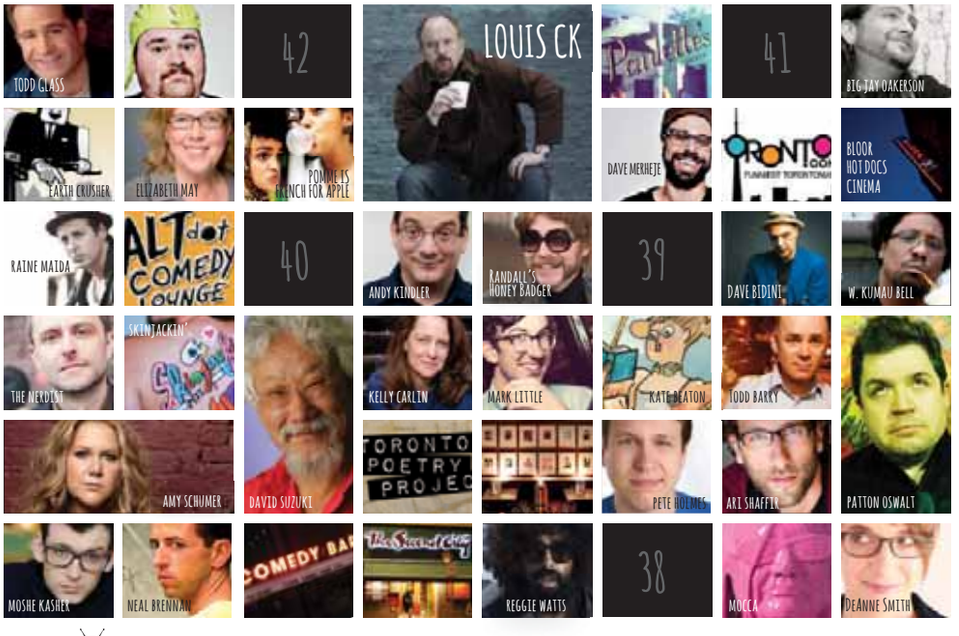


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A JUST FOR LAUGHS AND LIVE NATION PRODUCTION

## The Family Guy to host SNL

NBC says the man behind the cartoon comedy Family Guy will guest host the season's first Saturday Night Live. The network announced Wednesday that Seth MacFarlane will be presiding when SNL begins its 38th season Sept. 15. Musical guest will be Frank Ocean. The multi-talented MacFarlane created the Fox series Family Guy and serves as writer, producer and voice artist on the show. He recently directed his first feature film, Ted, and furnished the voice for its teddy-bear title character. Future guest hosts on SNL this fall include actors Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Daniel Craig. GETTY IMAGES

Robert Pattinson ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

# Home, sad home for Robert Pattinson

Robert Pattinson is reportedly selling the Los Angeles mansion he shared with Kristen Stewart, according to Us Weekly. The Twilight star is looking to unload the property because "he said there are too many memories," a source says. But while he may be dropping the property, Pattinson isn't necessarily through with Stewart. "Rob doesn't hate her and he's not mad," the source says. "He just doesn't get why she did it. He loves her and thinks about her constantly."

**Quoted**

**"He just doesn't get why she did it. He loves her and thinks about her constantly."**

Source commenting on Robert Pattinson still thinking about Kristen Stewart

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Lohan gets the boot from Chateau Marmont*

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Lindsay Lohan almost had a good day yesterday. After it looked like she was all but headed back to jail for swiping $100,000 worth of jewelry at a house party, the L.A. County District Attorney decided not to prosecute her. Unfortunately, the Chateau Marmont — the swanky hotel she's called home since May — decided to kick her out.

In an eviction notice obtained by TMZ, general manager Philip Pavel takes issue with the $46,350 bill the actress has managed to rack up. "As we have made repeated attempts to resolve this pressing matter over the last few weeks without any resolution, I regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to extend any further credit for you to remain in the hotel," he writes.

Pavel goes on to add a little comedic flair: "I have adjusted off the daily $75 charge for computer rental for use of the hotel's laptop as a gesture of good faith, with the understanding that you will return the computer."

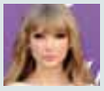
Also included with the letter is an itemized invoice of the charges, including $686 for cigarettes (to be fair, they were charging her $14 a pack) and $100 for a "Chateau Candle" — which we certainly hope is code for something much more exciting than a candle.

**Twitter**

**@Joan_Rivers**
The Ukraine says SpongeBob SquarePants is gay, and wants him banned. I bet they also think Peppermint Patty just hasn't met the right guy.

**@rihanna**
It's 430 am and I'm up like an idiot! Can't sleep! Whyyyyyyy????!!!

**@SteveMartinToGo**
Going to sue Samsung for taking my idea of a talking thing the size of a pack of playing cards I had when I was eleven. Updates coming.



**@taylorswift13**
Was watching MTV last night and the commercial for the VMAs that I'm in came on and I was all "!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Katie Holmes

# Surprise, surprise Suri's a trust-fund kid

While Katie Holmes will reportedly be getting $4.8 million in child support payments until Suri Cruise turns 18, the little girl herself stands to fare much better from her parents' divorce, according to Radar Online, as Holmes reportedly insisted that Tom Cruise set up a trust fund for Suri as part of the settlement. "Katie wanted the trust fund put in place for Suri so that their daughter will be able to tap into after she turns 18," a source says. "Katie has absolutely no access to the money and didn't want to. ... But Suri won't be able to legally claim it until she is in her 30s."

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On the Web

Target lands bull's-eye on Montreal Fashion Week with new partnership

# Find your wild side

**Don't be outfoxed.** All creatures great and small made their way down the autumn runways. Here's what we tracked down in the undergrowth.

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If you go down to the shops today, you're in for a big surprise. No, not a teddy bears' picnic but a menagerie of critter-inspired clothing. Perhaps the catty industry wanted to show that it's got a cuddly side, or maybe designers were hoping to cash-in on the cutesy AWW factor. But whatever the reason, it's time to snare some of this season's game.

Off her perch! A model works the owl look at Anna Sui.

It's behind you: Mulberry's monster causes quite the fright! / TIM WALKER/MULBERRY AW'12

Wise move: Kate Bosworth sporting a Burberry Prorsum sweater.

## Go fashionably feral

**Aubin & Wills**
Portland fox-intarsia sweater
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**ASOS**
Skater dress in owl print, $68, asos.com

**Tatty Devine**
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**Charlotte Olympia**
Kitty flat
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harrods.com

**McQ Alexander**
McQueen wolf print dress
$701
my-wardrobe.com

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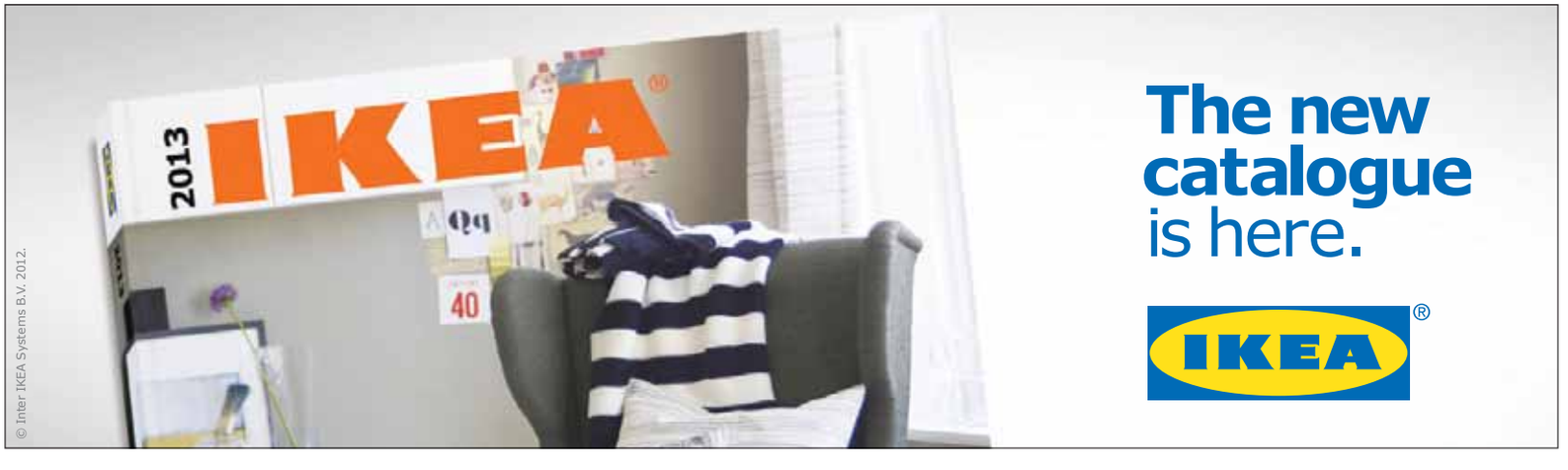

# An investment for your home that's right as rain

**Where can I get a rain barrel?**
**-Brent of Victoria**

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Rain barrels can be purchased from your local hardware or garden store. In fact, the Capital Regional District's website has a complete list of rain barrel retailers in the Victoria, B.C., area under the Water Services section. You can also search the classifieds, in print or online!

It's a worthy investment. They can cost over $250, depending on the size and manufacturer. Price also depends on the added bells and whistles, such as filtering systems, spigots and mosquito-proofing measures. But before you buy, check to see if your city offers a subsidy or distributes rain barrels to residents.

Did you know that more than 40 per cent of residential treated drinking water is used to water lawns and gardens?

Collect rain water on your property to reduce the waste of potable water, especially during the drier summer months.

**Benefits of rain barrels**

- Rainwater harvesting can reduce storm drainage load, including reducing the chance of basement flooding.
- Direct water away from your home's foundation.
- Provide naturally softened and chlorine-free water — excellent for delicate houseplants, cleaning the car and window-washing.
- Reduce your water bill.

Additional tips

- Select a rain barrel size that will hold most of the rain that comes off your roof. You may need to buy one for each downspout to be sure.
- Install the rain barrel on a level surface (it can weigh up to 545 kilograms when full), even elevating it with paving stones to take advantage of a gravity feed.
- Make your barrel mosquito-proof by adding a lid to it.
- Maintain your system by clearing roofs and rain gutters of debris, cleaning any screens in the tank, and occasionally removing the sediment by draining and cleaning the tank.
- Don't drink the water!

Harvesting rain water has a long list of benefits. ISTOCK IMAGES

A soap-base cleaner would likely be best at removing soap scum. ISTOCK IMAGES

# Cleaning the soap spots

**Do you have any idea on how to remove soap build-up around the faucet on a marble bathroom countertop/sink? I use baking soda to clean my bathroom and a little bit of bleach once a month to disinfect. I would really appreciate your solution. Keep up the good work! Sincerely, The lady of the house**

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Dear lady of the house,

Thank you for your kind email.

Soap scum can be removed several ways. First, I would use a "soft bristle" toothbrush with a soap-base cleaner like a PH neutral dish soap. Why? Because remember, "like removes like" so a soap-base cleaner would most likely be very good at removing "soap scum."

Other alternatives would be making a paste of baking soda and water the consistency of toothpaste. This will give you a little abrasion, but please do this softly and gently as not to scratch the marble or hardware. If neither of these methods work, try using Pine-sol original.

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# Junk food, without the junk

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"When it comes to food, it's either eating something that's healthy but without taste, or delicious and bad for us," nutritional therapist Jessica Bourke, author of the cookbook Guilt Free Gourmet, tells Metro, calling that a myth. "We need food to stay alive, but we also need to enjoy it."

She suggests avoiding dairy, sugar and wheat, and has devised recipes to eat well without them.

## Dairy

**Why you should cut it out**

1 It's high in fat, which can cause weight gain.

2 That it's the best source of calcium is a myth. A green smoothie contains just as much calcium as a glass of milk.

3 Cow's milk contains the protein casein, needed to build the big bones of baby calves, not humans. Our body doesn't know what to do with the excess. It also prohibits the absorption of key nutrients including iron and vitamin B12.

**Top alternative: Soy.** Great for our gut. For women, it's good for their hormones. Go for miso soup, tempeh or tofu.

## Sugar

**Why you should cut it out**

1 It encourages bad bacteria to grow in the gut, which can cause IBS (irritable bowel syndrome). In time, this can exteriorize itself on our skin and lead to conditions such as acne and eczema.

2 It causes chronic fatigue. Processed sugar has a damping down effect on the immune system. Two hours after ingestion, immune cell capacity is reduced by 50 per cent.

3 Processed sugar triggers a blood sugar imbalance that will eventually make you prone to weight gain and hormone problems.

**Top alternative: Xylitol.** It may sound chemical, but this natural sweetener is derived from the bark of a tree.

## Wheat

**Why you should cut it out**

1 White bread contains calcium carbonate. In other words, chalk.

2 Gluten, a protein found in wheat, can attack and damage the gut cells. This can lead to a condition known as leaky gut syndrome whereby the intestinal lining becomes inflamed.

3 If our immune cells confuse gluten with a pathogen (an agent of disease) the body will attack itself.

**Top alternative: Quinoa.** Technically a seed, quinoa actually looks and tastes like a grain. Naturally gluten free, it doesn't cause bloating and contains essential amino acids. A bowl will curb your appetite for a while.

## Recipe. Gluten, sugar and dairy free Polenta Pizza

1 Bring 1 litre of water to the boil and add the bouillon powder. Reduce the heat and slowly pour in the polenta whisking all the time until blended. Reduce the heat to its lowest setting add half the lemon zest and juice, 4 of the crushed garlic cloves, the thyme and a good pinch of salt and pepper and gently cook, stirring occasionally for about 45 minutes or until the polenta pulls away from the side of the pan and is very thick.

2 Meanwhile, bring another pan of water to the boil. Add 1 teaspoon of salt and boil the chard for about 3-4 minutes until the thick part is just tender. Remove, drain and season with some salt and oil (don't forget to stir the polenta). Heat two tablespoons of oil in another pan over high heat. Fry the mushrooms for about two minutes. Add 1 of the crushed garlic cloves and stir for 30 seconds to release the garlic flavour. Transfer to a bowl, toss with the parsley and season with salt, the remaining lemon zest and juice and some olive oil. When the polenta is ready, transfer to baking sheet and spread out to a thickness of about 2 cm. Cool for 30 min.

3 Preheat the grill. Scatter mushrooms and chard on polenta. Crack an egg in the middle and grill until egg is cooked. Pull leaves off the marjoram stalks and chop finely. Mix with the last crushed garlic clove and mix with oil to form a loose marjoram oil. Remove the polenta from the grill, and drizzle with the oil.

**Ingredients**

**Serves 6**
**Cooking time: 1 hr 30 min (approx)**

- 2 teaspoons of bouillon stock powder
- 200 g polenta
- Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 6 garlic cloves, crushed sea salt and ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 head of Swiss chard
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 200 g girolle mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon freshly chopped parsley
- 1 egg
- Bunch of fresh marjoram

# Wireless & paperless

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BACK TO SCHOOL
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**Computers and tablets.** Top selections to stay on top of your studies this school year

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Computers and tablets are quickly replacing pens and paper in the classroom. In fact, some schools are now making them a requirement. Here are some of the best picks for your student heading back to class.

**Samsung Series 9 Ultrabook — $1,499**
Samsung's Series 9 ultrabook is designed to impress. This new breed of laptop sports a beautiful sandblasted aluminum finish and is only 0.6 inches thick. You will never miss taking notes at the start of a lecture again as it holds the record for the fastest start-up time of any laptop at just 8.4 seconds.

**MacBook Air — $1,029 and up**
Backpacks are heavy enough without weighing them down with a hefty laptop. Apple's MacBook Air lives up to its name as it weighs only 2.38 pounds. Next-generation Flash storage means there are no moving parts so your laptop remains quiet while in class. The MacBook Air also features aThunderbolt port along with two USB 3 ports to ensure ultra-fast data transfers.

**Nexus 7 Tablet — $209 and up**
When it comes to tablets, cheaper isn't always better, but somehow Google has managed to create a high-performance device that's easy on the wallet. This tablet, co-developed with Asus, features a Tegra 3 quad-core processor that results in incredible performance. The Nexus 7 has a seven-inch screen so you can easily hold it with one hand. You will also have tens of thousands of apps to choose from through Google Play.

Apple iPad — $519 and up.

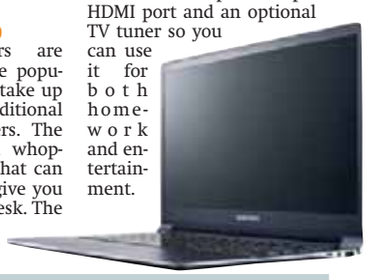
**Asus Transformer Pad — $369**
Designed for those who aren't completely sold on the idea of a touchscreen tablet. This HD tablet can be snapped into an optional keyboard dock, turning it into a laptop. The top-notch quad-core processor ensures quality performance while providing a stellar 15-hour battery.

**Apple iPad — $519 and up**
You can't deny the clarity of the new iPad's Retina display. With one million more pixels than your HDTV, text is crisp, clean, and easy to read, just as if you were reading a paperback book. With more and more educational institutes making courses available through iTunes U, the iPad is an easy choice for students looking for a premium tablet.

Asus Transformer Pad — $369.

Clockwise, from left, MacBook Air — $1,029 and up, Nexus 7 Tablet — $209 and up, Samsung Series 9 Ultrabook — $1,499, and HP Omni 27 — $1,299.

**HP Omni 27 — $1,299**
All-in-one computers are quickly becoming the popular choice since they take up less space than traditional tower style computers. The HP Omni features a whopping 27-inch screen that can be wall mounted to give you more space on your desk. The wireless keyboard and mouse keep your work area nice and tidy. This computer also features Beats audio stereo speakers plus HDMI port and an optional TV tuner so you can use it for both homework and entertainment.



# Time to stock up on school supplies

Barbie and Cars backpacks, $10 each. Notepads, right, $1 each. All available at Walmart, walmart.ca.

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

It's so easy to get caught up in back to school shopping, isn't it?

As Toronto-based Walmart Canada's Back to School Pulse Check report discovered, nearly 52 per cent of respondents noted they make multiple trips to multiple stores to shop for supplies and spend an average $190 per child.

So, what do you need to know for back to school shopping this fall?

Metro asked some larger retailers to fill us in on top trends for kids and parents to stock up for school.

**Licensing Is Hot**
Think Angry Birds, boy band One Direction, Hello Kitty and superheroes of many colours feature prominently on a variety of school items. "Licenses are popular across the board from pencil cases to lunch bags to backpacks," says Carmelo Ragusa, senior category manager, stationary for Walmart Canada.

**Personalized Is Popular**
Whether it's buying pre-personalized items with their names on them or putting their stamp on their binders, kids want to leave their mark on their school supplies. "There are binders out there right now that are doing really well where kids can do their own artwork on their binders with their own names and pictures," Ragusa said.

**All-In-One Kits**
Steve Grebenc, a general manager for a west end Toronto-based Staples Canada, notes one of its popular sellers includes The Kit from Dudley, which features a dry erase marker and board, calendar, mirror, cork board with thumb tacks and a Dudley combination lock. This year retailers are packaging kits and deals that include a matching backpack, lunch bag, pencil case and sometimes even water bottle.

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# No need to toss that bag

Today's lunch bags focus on being reusable. Here's what's hot in lunch bags.

**Matchy-matchy:** Many retailers are pairing lunch bags with backpacks, both featuring the same design.

**Bright and colourful:** Hot colours in lunch bags include hot pinks, oranges, yellows and blues for girls and bright reds and blues for boys.

**Going old school:** Not all lunch bags are of the zip-top, insulated interior kind. Metal flip-top lunch boxes featuring superheroes such as Superman and Batman are also popular.

**Grown-up lunch boxes:** "For the more mature students we have Elle lunch bags that come in a wide variety of colours and sizes and they look almost like a small carrying bag," says Steve Grebenc, a general manager for a west-end Toronto-based Staples Canada. "Some of them come with utensils as well. And for patterns, stripes are popular and prints such as circles and squares on them."

Lunch bag, $9.97, available at Walmart, walmart.ca.

Fresh lunch ideas means your child will probably eat what you give them, rather than throwing it away or trading it with other students. HEMERA/THINKSTOCK

# Healthy stomach, healthy mind

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

What to pack for lunches?

If your child keeps coming home with containers full of sandwiches, maybe it's time to switch things up.

Lianne Phillipson-Webb, a registered nutritionist and founder of Toronto-based SproutRight, shares her fresh lunch ideas.

### Think Outside The Sandwich

"Even if it's a wrap or filling a pita, you want to have balance in what you pack between carbs and protein so your child has energy during the day," says Phillipson-Webb. "So you could fill with tuna, egg or meat. To keep it from going soggy, if you thinly spread butter or mayonnaise it acts as a barrier."

### Play With Your Fillings

Combine two sure-fire kid-friendly foods such as grated cheese and grapes. Or Tahini (sesame seed butter — check with your school first to see if it's allowed) and a banana inside the wrap.

### Try A Different Wrap

Steal a page from fresh spring rolls and try rice paper wraps. "You just have to make the paper wet and fill it with vegetables, tofu, avocado, mango, pineapple, noodles — whatever you like," she says.

### Or Try A Brand New Filling

Such as pressed cottage cheese. "It has more protein than a cream cheese and if you want to sweeten it up, you could spread a fruit jam on it," she says. Look for it in the dairy cooler in the supermarket.

## Lunch-packing tips

**Metro also asked moms via social media to share their best lunch-packing tips.**

- Invest in a good thermos so you can pack them leftovers of pasta, chili, soup, etc.
  **– KADI KALJUSTE (VIA TWITTER)**
- My son likes an "invisible sandwich" —thick slice of cheddar with deli turkey slice wrapped around the outside. Better than a cheese string!
  **– SHARON PORTER DONALDSON, VIA FACEBOOK**
- Make muffins with lots of hidden veggies and freeze. Take loaf of bread make sandwiches immediately. (Ham and cheese/turkey whatever). Repackage in bread bag and freeze. Take one out and pack in lunch and it's defrosted by lunch. And get kids to make their own lunches — they eat more that way.
  **– CHERI MCNEIL, VIA FACEBOOK**
- My daughter won't eat sandwiches so I have a large square Tupperware that I use to make unstructured ones. I put in a pita, cut up tomatoes, lettuce and turkey and somehow, she enjoys it that way.
  **– DANA DOUGHERTY REINKE, VIA FACEBOOK**

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MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

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# Bold patterns and prints are right fit

**Young fashion.** Three clothing trends for kids 12 and younger to wear back to school

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Left, jacket, $34.95; right, sweater, $17.95, skirt, $19.95,and beret, $14.95, all available at H&M, hm.com/ca/. H&M PHOTO

Left, cardigan, $24.95, shirt, $12.95, trousers, $24.95; middle, cardigan, $24.95, trousers, $17.95, cap, $7.95; right, polo shirt, $12.95, denim trousers $19.95, all available at H&M, hm.com/ca/. H&M PHOTO

Alongside that new box of felt pens and crisp new stationery, new clothing in bold patterns and prints will inspire kids 12 and younger to start the school year, according to Karen Richter, showroom manager for H&M Canada.

H&M's line for kids is an adaptation of what the Swedish clothing giant is doing for adult clothing this fall, she explained.

"There is a tendency for many adult fashion trends to trickle down into the kid's collection," she said.

"There are often many mini-me pieces in our kids collection."

At the same time, H&M's kids' offerings alter the adult fashion trends by amping up the colours and patterns and incorporating fun textures like corduroy, velvet and faux fur.

Here are three trends H&M is doing this fall for the younger-than-12 set.

## Anglomania

The Anglomania trend is clean and sharp, giving off a put-together feel with a hint of English eccentricity.

For girls, this means mixing and matching checks, florals and stripes. Knits are also essential. Cable and Fair Isle-patterned knits add colour and texture, and look best in British tomboy style — worn with a roomy fit.

Boys' clothing encourages similar mixing and matching with bold argyle pieces, checks, block stripes and prints such as dots or skulls.

Mixing prints and pairing unexpected colours is key.

## Preppy Style

Prep is clean and classic. It never really goes out of style and provides neutrals to pair with bolder pieces. This fall's staples include blazers, chinos and collared shirts. Stripes and vintage-style prints lend a nautical feel to both boys' and girls' pieces.

## The Wilderness

This is a more casual, on-trend look. Girls' clothing takes inspiration from the Wild West, folklore and Santa Fe, incorporating colourful, geometric prints that reference traditional Native American blankets. Include heavy knits for a rustic edge, and bold colours to modernize the look.

Boys' clothing takes the trend in a slightly different direction, using sporty details to give a feeling of outdoor adventure. As with the girls' version of this trend, colours of nature are mixed with bold, artificial brights.

As the mercury falls, a good coat and other cover-ups will become essential. Wrap up and stay warm in lots of easy layers of wool, corduroy and fleece.

"It's important to parents that kids' clothes are affordable, functional, comfortable, and easy to co-ordinate, but still fun and fashionable to keep children happy," Richter explained.

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# The kids and their pumped up kicks

**Fall footwear.** The right pair of shoes are a simple addition to add flair to your outfit

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Sometimes the difference between an OK outfit and a great one is as simple as a pair of shoes. For kids, the right pair of shoes is a simple addition that gives girls and boys the opportunity to play with fall trends for adults.

"We are definitely seeing an influence from adult trends translate to kids footwear," said Victoria Kirk, spokesperson for Gap Canada.

The mood of the season is collegiate inspired, she said. For kids, that means preppy blazers, cardigans and plaid shirts, and the shoes that go with them.

"There are plenty of prints and colours out there — and an unwritten rule that you can create your own style by putting together your favourite pieces and finishing off the look with your best accessories. Shoes are such a great way to make a style statement," said Kirk.

Here are her top footwear recommendations for boys and girls this fall.

Left, Girls Fringe Boots, $32.94, available at Old Navy, oldnavy.ca, Girls Suede Military Boots, $54.95, available at GapKids, gap.com.

Girls Stripe Print Pop Kicks, $17.94, left, Girls Glitter Sneakers, $19.94, both available at Old Navy, oldnavy.ca.

### Girls — Ballet Flats

These have been around for a few seasons, and they are popular for a reason. There is so much you can do with them! This fall at GapKids, ballet flats come in fun fabrics and finishes, like metallics, as well as with embellishments such as bows.

Girls Bow Sparkly Flat, $32.95, left, available at GapKids, gap.com, Girls Peace Print Pop Kicks, $17.94, available at Old Navy, oldnavy.ca.

### Girls — Sneakers

This season, sneakers are following in the footsteps of ballet flats. They are soft, light and dainty, but they also come in a host of patterns that are not as modest, a far cry from the standard basic.

"At Old Navy we are seeing plenty of fun fashion sneakers in stripes, polka dots, tie-dye and even sequin slip-ons," said Kirk.

### Girls — Booties

Boots with a low rise will help keep feet warm this fall — and they look cute paired with skinny jeans or leggings. GapKids has a suede military-style version for fall.

### Boys — Desert And Chukka Boots

These are booties for boys. They rise low on the leg and look best paired with narrow-cut jeans. Desert boots are a prime example of adult style trickling into kids' fashion trends, said Kirk. "The comfort and ease of this style is definitely what appeals to boys," she said.

### Boys — Oxfords

These classic leather shoes call to mind English prep school. The Gap's updated version in grey pairs well with khakis or jeans.

### Boys — Fashion Sneakers

These are a school must-have for boys throughout the year. This season, they are arriving in bright colours and prints.

From top, Boys Desert Boots, $36.95, Boys Chukka Boots, $29.95, Boys Uniform Oxfords, $36.95, Boys Contrast High-Top Sneakers, $29.95, all available at GapKids, gap.com.

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Yunel Escobar, right, slides in safe after Robinson Cano, on the ground, fails to make a play at Yankee Stadium, Wednesday. JEFF ZELEVANSKY/GETTY IMAGES

# Recharged Escobar powers Jays to win

**MLB.** Shortstop has been hitting well since birth of child. By beating Yankees, Toronto gets first series win since July

**Wednesday's game**

| Blue Jays | Yankees |
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Yunel Escobar got a much-needed break last week when he took three days off for the birth of his child.

It's made all the difference.

Escobar hit a two-run homer, three doubles and drove in five runs as Toronto beat the New York Yankees 8-5 Wednesday, ending CC Sabathia's five years of dominance over the Blue Jays.

The light-hitting shortstop went 15 games without getting more than a single before he went on the paternity list. In the four games back he has six for extra bases.

"At the time of the birth he was a little frustrated with how he was performing but that three-day break allowed him to relax and come back with a more positive mindset," injured slugger Jose Bautista said, translating for Escobar.

Escobar had a go-ahead RBI double in the third. His homer against Sabathia in the sixth gave the Blue Jays the lead again and his two-run double off Joba Chamberlain in the ninth helped secure Toronto's first series win since July 27-29. The five RBIs matched a career high for Escobar.

J.A. Happ (3-1) overcame a season-high five walks, including an intentional pass of Derek Jeter to load the bases with one out in the fourth inning, for the Blue Jays' second win in 10 games.

"He feels like anything positive that happens to the club is going to be welcome right now," Escobar said. "He feels like winning a series on the road against a club like the Yankees, that's definitely a positive, and he hopes it can help bring up team morale a little bit."

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**Yankees slipping**

- The Yankees' inability to win consecutive games for the first time since sweeping Texas three in a row Aug. 13-15 has hurt them in the standings.
- Baltimore had a chance to pull within 2 1/2 games of New York with a win on Wednesday.
- June 24 was the last time anyone was that close.

**NHL**

## NHLPA to make counter-offer by end of the week

There is no new deal on the horizon in the NHL's collective bargaining talks.

One day after receiving a proposal from the league that commissioner Gary Bettman labelled "meaningful" and "significant," the NHL Players' Association made it clear Wednesday that it didn't share that view

The union concluded the proposal wouldn't actually see current contracts paid out in full.

The union plans to deliver a counter-proposal by the end of the week, perhaps as soon as Thursday.

With a Sept. 15 deadline for a lockout creeping closer, the calculation of hockey-related revenue has emerged as a sticking point. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Cycling**

## Armstrong refers to self as 7-time Tour champ

Lance Armstrong introduced himself as a seven-time Tour de France champion at a cancer conference in Montreal on Wednesday.

"My name is Lance Armstrong. I am a cancer survivor," he said to open his speech to the World Cancer Congress. "I'm a father of five. And yes, I won the Tour de France seven times."

Armstrong announced last week he would no longer challenge the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's drug charges against him. USADA threw out his competitive victories dating to 1998, which would include all seven Tour wins.

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**Mobile sports**

**Usain Bolt already has his eyes set on the 2016 Olympics, but the Jamaican sprinting star has some time to fill for the next four years. Bolt says his focus will be lowering his world-record times in the 100- and 200-metres and possibly adding long jump to his repertoire. Scan the code for the story.**

# Clijsters bids farewell after loss at U.S. Open

Kim Clijsters, left, congratulates Laura Robson after their singles match at the U.S. Open, Wednesday, in New York. CAMERON SPENCER/GETTY IMAGES

Kim Clijsters' singles career ended where she wanted it to, just not the way she hoped.

The four-time Grand Slam champion lost 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) to 18-year-old Laura Robson of Britain in the second round of the U.S. Open on Wednesday, and will head into retirement after she finishes playing in doubles at Flushing Meadows.

Clijsters walked away from the sport once before, returning after a 2 1/2-year hiatus in 2009. But now 29 and a mother, the Belgian insisted this season that she means it this time, and decided the U.S. Open — and its hard courts that she conquered on the way to three championships — would be her final tournament.

"It's the place that has inspired me so much to do well and to do great things. It's hard to explain sometimes why," Clijsters said in an on-court interview, her face flushed and her eyes welling with tears.

"This completely feels like the perfect place to retire," Clijsters told the spectators at Arthur Ashe Stadium, many of whom rose to shower her with a standing ovation. "I just wish it wasn't today."

The loss Wednesday ended Clijsters' 22-match winning streak in New York, encompassing titles in 2005, 2009 and 2010, plus Monday's first-round victory.

She missed the hard-court major in 2004, 2006-08 and last year, thanks to a combination of injuries and the time she took off while starting a family.

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**Wozniak ousted**

**Quebec's Aleksandra Wozniak lost 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 to No. 15 seed Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic.**

## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
If you cannot seem to make up your mind about an issue that should be cut and dried by now just choose a path and follow it to whatever destination it leads. Ultimately all roads lead to where you need to go.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
If something that has been going smoothly comes to an unexpected stop today there is no need to panic. All that is happening is that you are being given a chance to reconsider your options. Make the most of it.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
You might be tempted to overlook someone's faults and failings today but only do so if it does not leave you at a disadvantage. It's good to be generous but some people just cannot be trusted. Wise up.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Something you were enthusiastic about just a few days ago no longer seems like such a good idea, but don't walk away from it yet because the planets indicate it still has meaning and value. Give it more time.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
You may decide to let someone off the hook, even though they don't deserve it. The simple fact is you don't have time to chase or chastise them. Hopefully they won't be so stupid as to test your patience again.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Something you are expected to do may not make a lot of sense but do it anyway and then forget it. If the powers that be say it's got to be done then trust them to know what they are talking about.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You have been a bit free and easy with your cash of late (no change there then!) and will have to make some cutbacks today. You don't have to starve yourself but five star dining is out, for now.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
A project you have been working on for some time is moving ahead at a snail's pace and you may be tempted to junk it. Don't! Today's Sun-Pluto link suggests you are about to enter a more dynamic phase.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Ignore the critics and cynics and strike out in a new direction. One quality you have never lacked is courage, so be brave and be the kind of Sag who tries something new and exciting each and every day.

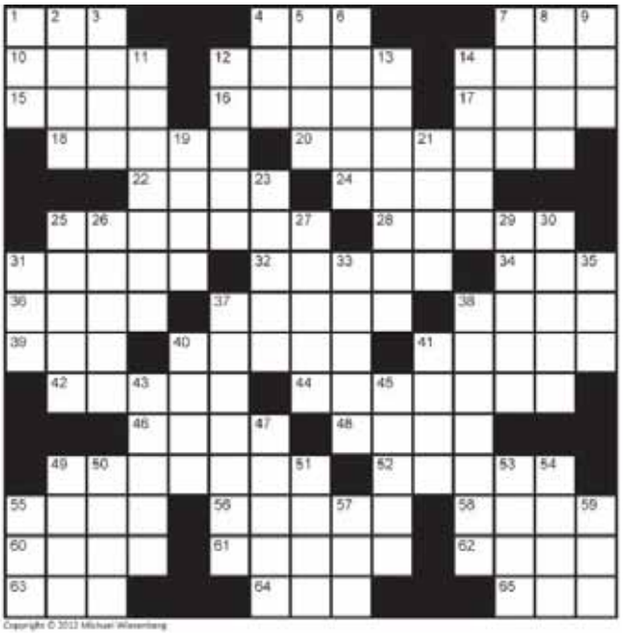
### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Once you understand a problem it ceases to be a problem. Knowledge removes all fears. Well, that's the theory anyway and you will get the chance to put it to the test today. Ask yourself: what can I learn?

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Recent upheavals were no doubt shocking but as you are the sort of person who thrives on change you had fun as well. Not everyone was so fortunate though, so you may need to help with some counselling today.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Your luck is changing for the better, though that may not yet be obvious. Today's Sun-Pluto link will catapult you into the limelight and demand that you take a leadership role. Don't be scared. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Province, City, Land, Water

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



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**Across**
1. Attractive leg, slangily
4. Cab alternative
7. Parliamentarians
10. Amor's Greek counterpart
12. Madras master
14. Short note
15. Princess of Star Wars
16. Angry bull's sound
17. "The ___-bitsy spider ..."
18. Province whose name means "swift flowing" in the Cree language
21. Endlessly worry
22. "Forget about it!" (from a casino term) (2 wds.)
25. Moves through mud
29. "___ Your Name": Mamas & Papas song (2 wds.)
31. Big letters for Internet stock companies
34. Buffy ___ (2 wds.)
37. Small iPod
39. Air conditioner coolant
40. Goes bad
41. They're in BC's Strait of Georgia (2 wds.)
44. ___ Miserables
45. Far above the ground
46. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest novelist Ken
48. "He ___ the bank, three credit cards, four department stores": has much outstanding debt (2 wds.)
51. CFL whistle blowers
54. City in the Golden Horseshoe region of southern Ontario (2 wds.)
59. After-bath powder
62. Before surgery, in formally
63. Bring in a harvest
64. "... there ___ square": it's the happening thing (2 wds.)
65. Weird
66. Computer menu selection
67. Parts of mos.
68. "Help!"
69. Repair tears

**Down**
1. Becomes semisolid
2. Fields of learning
3. Damp
4. BMO, for one: Fr.
5. "Here comes trouble!" (2 wds.)
6. Ambulance alert
7. Encountered
8. Parliament heads
9. Asian sauce type
11. "For goodness' ___!"
12. Air France fleet component, once: initialism
13. Vitamin ___: riboflavin (2 wds.)
14. Subcompact
19. Belt-hole makers
20. Take ___ view of: be pessimistic about (2 wds.)
23. Christmas song
24. Crème de la crème
26. Blockheads
27. Damsel
28. Behave furtively
30. Not more
31. Actress Swenson of Benson (anagram of GAIN)
32. São ___: Brazil's largest city
33. At the minimum setting (2 wds.)
35. Vocal sound
36. Finishes
38. Side with the football
42. Odd-sounding but grammatically correct answer to "Who's there?" (2 wds.)
43. Vassal
47. 2012 and 2013
49. Record, in a way
50. Shrek and Fiona, for two
52. Bloodsucking parasites
53. NWT's Great ___ Lake
55. Nestle candy bar from Britain
56. Kings: Fr.
57. Friend of Tarzan
58. Gush
59. CAA service
60. 40 days and 40 nights
61. 16-oz. units

## Yesterday's Crossword

## What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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## CROWN ROYAL AND COLA

1.5 oz Crown Royal Deluxe
5 oz Cola
Lime wedge

Combine ingredients in an ice filled glass.
Garnish with lime wedge.

## CROWN ROYAL BLACK AND GINGER

1.5 oz Crown Royal Black
5 oz Ginger ale
Orange wedge

Combine ingredients in an ice filled glass.
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